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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

May 12, 1976

Dear George:

This is a follow-up to our conversation yesterday during which I asked you to take on the fascinating and important task of [redacted] [redacted] As I told you, I see this as of crucial importance to insuring that the DCI and CIA are devoting officers of the very highest quality in meeting the challenges [redacted] With you [redacted] we are investing very heavily, indeed. But all of us will be confident that [redacted] in excellent hands.

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All of us in the Intelligence Community owe you a very special debt for your magnificent work in recent years [redacted]

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I quickly found upon entering my own job that the streets are full of people who have conflicting ideas on how best to do national production. You know how deeply I have gone into this subject in trying to make up my own mind on the question. You have been instrumental in helping me to resolve this very important issue and I am grateful to you for it.

STATINTL Because of the very good arrangements you have developed, I know that [redacted] will be able to make a comfortable transition. And, I think he will prove to be a worthy successor to you.

Again, you have the thanks and gratitude of your associates throughout the Intelligence Community and in particular from me.

Sincerely,

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George Bush

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